

The Learning Center! Charter School, much like a proud parent, has an official announcement to make regarding a second campus to house our growing vision toward a full high school program and expanded campus plans.

The second campus will begin with a lease of the 10,000 sq. ft. Ballroom Level of The Mountain Vista Inn as we work with the owners to move into a purchase of the facility in the near future. The planned renovation of this space will reflect the long-standing, innovative approach to education that The Learning Center offers. Grades 7th – 9th will attend school at this location.

The need for a second facility moved in on us fast in the spring as our pre-enrollment numbers increased dramatically for the upcoming 2021-2022 school year. Alongside this impressive growth spurt, we listened to our dedicated parent and community supporters and embraced the immediate need to expand to high school offerings. Ninth grade is offered for the upcoming school year. Grades 10-12 will be added consecutively in the years to follow. Some have asked why we group grades 7th-9th together: These age groups work together effectively from a developmental perspective.

As Director of Business and Operations, I researched a number of possible locations for the second campus. The Mountain Vista Inn checked off more of our required boxes for our immediate and future development needs than any other location.

The Learning Center, from its early history in 1983-1996 as a private school, to our conversion to a North Carolina Charter School in 1997 through the present, has prioritized the commitment to move into a location and immediately begin the positive transformation that any school should bring to the greater **Community of Learners**. We know that our school's presence at 945 Conaheeta Street has brought major improvements to what had been an abandoned pallet plant. With both our students and our locations, we focus on potential. The results speak for themselves.

On behalf of our Board of Directors and Head of School, Ryan Bender, please know that our commitment to a safe environment for our students, our staff and our families remains strong as we add a second campus. We are working proactively with the owners, Chief Jacobs and the Murphy Police Department, and Sounds Good Electronics to assure the safety of the entire facility and general location. This commitment to a safe environment will remain a priority for The Learning Center Charter School. We are certain the FOR-Education transformation will soon become apparent to the greater community we serve.

Let's have school.

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